

# Ecumenical Evangelism

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The account of the meeting of 40 denominational leaders in Washington, D. C. in September was called by the majority of papers "Ecumenical Evangelism." This expression to me, and to about 90% of our pastors, is misleading. There were 9 Southern Baptists present at the meeting which was called by Billy Graham and Carl F. H. Henry. The Southern Baptists, as well as the representatives from the other groups were there by invitation. The Southern Baptists present were Dr. Billy Graham, our greatest evangelist of this day or of any day, and his able associate T. W. Wilson. Along with these two were Dr. Robert Naylor,

president of Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Dr. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Alastair Walker, Pastor of Griffin First Baptist Church, Dr. Jess Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida, Dr. John Havlik, associate in the department of evangelism, HMB, and C. E. Autrey.

Ecumenicity means organic union. None of the nine Southern Baptists present believe in organic union with any other denomination or group of churches. It is only fair to say, also, that none of the other 40 representatives from other denominations believe in organic union. They are all

loyal to their respective denominations and said so plainly. I cannot speak for the other Baptists who were present but I believe in cooperation in evangelism with all who believe in evangelism enough to cooperate. The only vote taken by the group in Washington was to explore the possibilities of cooperation in an evangelistic effort in 1973 that would involve all in every denomination who cared enough about lost souls to become involved.

To speak of this type of cooperation as ecumenical is incorrect and misleading and will only mislead our pastors. I, for one, am unalterably opposed to organic union of any kind but I do believe in cooperation in evangelism with all

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Baptist men from every section of the state nearly filled the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Jackson for the closing session of the Men's Conference Monday night.

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### COLLEGES IN DOWNWARD TREND

## Enrollment Up In Seminaries

NASHVILLE (BP)—Enrollments at six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries increased substantially this fall, with all but one of the six seminaries reporting an increase in the number of "regular" students enrolled.

The Education Commission of the SBC reported here that net enrollment for the fall semester of 1967 was 4,376 students, an increase of 239 students compared to the 1966 fall enrollment of 4,137.

Last year the fall enrollment at the six seminaries increased by 19 students over the 1965 seminary enrollment.

The SBC Education Commission compiled the statistics on the basis of official reports sent to their Nashville office from the registrars of the six seminaries.

All of the seminaries except one reported enrollment increases, and the only decrease was very slight.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., reported 231 "regular" students in the fall of 1967, compared to 239 students last year, a decrease of only eight students.

Biggest enrollment increase was reported by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, which listed 1967 fall enrollment at 996, up 80 students from last fall's 916.

Second largest enrollment increase, and largest gain in percentage, was Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's increase of 63 students. The seminary, located in Wake Forest, N. C., reported 547 students this year and 484 students last fall.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, reported an increase of 54 students, with 1,614 enrolled this fall compared to last fall's 1,560.

Last year, both Southeastern Seminary and Southwestern Seminary reported decreases in enrollments, while this year reporting substantial gains.

Two other seminaries—reported about the same increase: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with 717 enrolled, an increase of 20 students; and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., with 207 enrolled, an increase of 15 students.

"All of the figures were based on 'net' enrollment of 'regular' or 'full-time' students, and do not include 'regular' or 'full-time' students, and do not include part-time, or 'other' students."

Two of the seminaries reported students enrolled in the "other" category: Southern Seminary in Louisville with 119 "other" students bringing the total enrollment to 1,114; and Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City with 38 "other" students, bringing their total enrollment to 245.

Total enrollment at the six seminaries, including both full-time and other students, was listed as 5,396.

### Colleges Decline

NASHVILLE (B) — For the first time in ten years, fall enrollments at 64 Baptist colleges, universities, Bible schools and academies declined this year instead of increased, because two schools which were included in the 1966 report were not reported in 1967.

Enrollment of "regular" (full-time) students in the 64 Baptist schools (not including seminaries) this fall was 67,730, compared to 67,752 in the fall of 1966.

The decrease was only slight — 22 students — and the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission here which compiled the statistics had a logical explanation for it.

Two Baptist schools which

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## Kentucky Southern Merges With Louisville University

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Kentucky Southern College, a Baptist school for seven years which eight months ago severed ties with the Kentucky Baptist Convention to become a private Christian school, has now merged with the University of Louisville.

Although the University of Louisville immediately assumes all debts and assets of the former Baptist school, no major change in Kentucky Southern's administration staff and policies is expected for at least the next two semesters.

The school will retain its present name during the interim period, even though the merger with the 165-year-old liberal arts university owned by the city of Louisville was effective Nov. 1, 1967.

Actually, the University of Louisville has not yet decided just how it will incorporate the 238-acre Kentucky South-

ern campus, its administrative building, a student center and several dormitories into the total University program.

One possibility under discussion, according to university officials, is to develop the old Kentucky Southern campus into a full four-year university for undergraduates while converting the old University of Louisville campus into a center for graduate students only.

Final disposition of the former Baptist school will be left in the hands of a joint faculty — and — trustee committee of the two schools. Outside consulting services may be used to decide what course of action to take.

Commenting on the merger, Kentucky Southern President Rollin S. Burhans said "to have to merge with any institution is only second best to those of us who set out to build a quality Christian college."

The merger possibility was apparently the final alternative left open to the trustees, if the school was to continue operation.

Within two years after opening in 1960 as a Baptist institution, Kentucky Southern was experiencing an annual operating deficit. Its present indebtedness amounts to about \$4,500,000. Loans for buildings accounts for most of this total.

These critical financial needs prompted the school to request release from the Kentucky Baptist Convention on March 10 of this year in order that it might apply for federal loans and grants. After a stormy Executive Board session at Cedarhurst Baptist Assembly on that day, the convention voted to release the college and granted it "severance pay" of \$885,050 to assist in its financial needs.

Of this amount, \$900,000

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## Northern Plains Convention Is Organized

RAPID CITY, S. D. (BP) — The Northern Plains Baptist Convention met here for its

first organizational session, electing an executive secretary and creating the 30th

Baptists state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new convention is composed of 75 churches and 10,248 members in four states—Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota.

Elected as the new executive secretary of the convention was John P. Baker, director of missions and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention for the past five years.

Previously, the 75 churches in the four states had been affiliated with the Colorado Baptist General Convention which had enthusiastically endorsed formation of the new convention.

The Colorado convention assisted the Baptists in the four states in setting up the convention. Two committees, a 13-member steering committee, and a nine-member constitutional committee have been working on the organizational details for more than a year.

Messengers to the first his-

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## State Convention Opens With Big Day Tuesday

The 132nd session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention opened Tuesday morning at 9:15 with the opening day scheduled to be one of the important days of the entire convention, to close Thursday evening following a giant Youth Night session in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Claude Townsend, of Florence, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivered the keynote address to the body Tuesday morning, declaring that "When Mississippi Baptists look at our problems from a spiritual viewpoint they will be solved, and we will be running the Christian race to the glory of God."

Mr. Townsend, choosing as his subject "Christianity In Action," compared the Christian life to running a race (Heb. 12:1-2).

He began his message by saying as Amos did, "I am not a prophet, nor a prophet's son, but as a Christian layman I have tried to know God's will for my life and follow that will."

"In doing so, the Holy Spirit has taught me some truths that have enabled me to do many things which were impossible otherwise. May I

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share with you some actions these truths have motivated."

The speaker then listed the six actions as follows: "Lay aside every weight," "the sin which doth so easily beset us," "the positive mental attitude," "the stewardship of money," "witnessing," and "missions."

In discussing the first he declared:

"Lay aside every weight. What is the weight which Paul is speaking of (or whoever you believe wrote Hebrews)? The weight of hindrance. Anything that would hinder us from running our full potential."

"I have invited the Holy Spirit to come into my life and reign supreme."

"When Christ reigns supreme, we will have laid aside every weight that will keep us from running the Christian race."

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## Men's Conference Elects Officers

The annual Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, meeting Monday at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, was highlighted by the election of officers and a closing message by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Sidney Parker of Magee was elected as president, succeeding Roy Kuykendall of Newton.

Other officers named were: Jack Stanley, Jackson, vice-president; Ralph Reeves, McComb, recording secretary; Keith Allen, Greenville, Baptist Young Men's Leader; Frank Lawton, Carthage, R. A. Leader and Ralph Herrin, Collins, Baptist Men's leader.

Dr. Eddleman told the Conference Monday night that "Always God's greatest problem is getting his own children right."

The noted Baptist leader, speaking on the subject of "The Captain's Marching Orders," continuing said:

"Once he gets them right, the lost world will come in to see what's taking place, and before they leave they'll have some religion."

"The only hope of this world is that somehow the love of God in Christ will break through us and through other Christians unto the uttermost parts of the world, until it has set in motion waves that will wash even over the territory behind the Iron Curtain."

"When the spirit of God comes on a church, you don't have to advertise it. It'll get out. You can't keep it a secret."

"Perhaps the greatest need of our churches, colleges and seminaries is for some tarrying meetings in which we give God time to get hold of our hearts."

"I don't know the answer to the problems that confront us today. But the Lord does and he'll lead to the solution of every problem for which we are responsible."

The Men's Conference is related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention through the Brotherhood Department, Rev. E. L. Howell, director.

Several hundred Baptist men were in Jackson Monday for the annual conference.

## Urgency To Minister Theme Of Sermon

"Our Mandate To Minister" was the subject of the convention sermon preached Tuesday morning at this week at the State Convention by Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor of First Church, Mendonhall.

Taking his text from Matthew 28:19-20 the preacher quickly painted a picture of downward trends in almost every phase of church life, thus necessitating our "Mandate to Minister."

Specifically he said that "It is a real struggle to keep Sunday School attendance up to last year's average, Training Union seems 'on the way out' in many churches, our women are becoming less interested in W.M.U., and our men, with few exceptions, do not want the Brotherhood as an organization."

"In fact, with some few exceptions, the finances and music ministry are the only bright spots for us to brag about. If the trend continues it will be impossible for many of our churches to find a pastor in just a few years — this is true because we are experiencing a large net loss of preachers each year while we are beginning more new churches and missions."

Mr. Davis then declared that "we have the privilege to assume that God will do what He says He will do — only after we have done what He assumes we will do."

"So let us look at some of these prerequisites and the results of meeting them."

He mentioned three, the need for the New Birth experience, personal dedication to the will of God, and a commitment to His ministry.

Regarding the need for the New Birth experience, he said:

"Like Ananias and Sapphira — many of our church people are trying to impress God. His church and their fellow-

church members without having the inner qualities with which to do it. Like Demas of Paul's day, many of our church members have fallen in love with the present world and have forsaken God."

"We are attempting to do the Master's work with many people who by their lives show that they are His enemies. We are attempting to do a giant's work with weaklings. It is my firm belief that we brag about people belonging to our churches that do not belong."

"The Bible says that 'Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." But it also says "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Means Salvation

"Being born again means salvation. Now it stands to

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## DEDICATED YOUTH CONFERENCE READY

Four Mississippi Baptist leaders, nationally-known singer Frank Boggs of Atlanta and Lloyd Householder of Nashville, will feature the program of the annual Baptist Dedicated Youth Conference to be held on Campus of Clarke College in Newton, Nov. 24-25.

Kermit S. King, director of the Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor, said that Mr. Boggs, well-known recording artist, would be the featured singer for the meeting.

Dr. Householder, director of vocational guidance service for the Baptist Sunday School Board, will speak on subject

of "The World of Work" and lead conferences in the area of vocational choice.

The speakers to appear will be Dr. Wm. G. Tanner, pastor of First Church, Gulfport; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention Board, all of Jackson.

The Dedicated Youth Conference is planned for boys and girls who are in grades 10-12 who have made a public commitment to follow God's leadership in their lives. It meets on the Friday and

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Mississippians who attended the organization of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention are, from left: (kneeling) Rev. Harry Kellogg, Indiana; Rev. Fred Tinsley, Jackson; Rev. G. A. McCoy, Jackson; Claude Townsend, Florence; Rev. James F. Yates, Yancey City. (standing) Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson; Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, Canton; Rev. John Alexander, Jackson; Dr. Joe Colburn, Jackson; Owen Cooper, Yancey City; Rev. Athens McNeil, Pascagoula; Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yancey City; Dr. W. Douglas Hodgins, Jackson; Mrs. Ralph Hester, Jackson; Dr. Joe Odle, Jackson; Ralph Hester, Jackson; Dr. C. M. Wells, Canton.





REV. E. J. SPEEGLE of Casper, Wyoming, president of the new Northern Plains Convention, shows a copy of the history of Southern Baptist work in the area, to (left to right) Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, and Claude Townsend of Mississippi, and to Rev. Glen Braswell of Denver, executive secretary of the Colorado Convention.



REV. FRED TARPLEY OF JACKSON (right) chats with former Mississippians Rev. and Mrs. Dick Mefford of Lame Deer, Mont., (left) and Miss Almarie Brown, WMU secretary of Arizona Baptists.



CLAUDE TOWNSEND, (left) Florence, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, Canton (right), chat with Rev. Leroy Smith, area missionary for Montana, one of the four states in the new Northern Plains Convention.



MR. AND MRS. OWEN COOPER of Yazoo City, (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hester of Jackson, along with others of the Mississippi delegation found time to visit Mt. Rushmore Memorial, just before the Northern Plains sessions began. Mt. Rushmore is near Rapid City.

## Northern Plains Convention

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toric meeting of the Northern Plains Convention approved the committee's recommendations on the name of the convention, and the location of the convention headquarters offices in Rapid City.

The committees are still considering several specific sites in Rapid City for location of the offices.

A provisional constitution and bylaws for the new convention was approved by the messengers, along with a proposed \$214,087 budget for next year.

The budget will include a goal of \$87,597 to be contributed by the 75 churches in the state through the newly-created state Cooperative Program unified budget plan, with the remainder coming from Southern Baptist Convention agencies and other state conventions. Of the state-wide goal, 12 per cent will go to SBC world missions causes.

Bob Lawrence, associate in the Colorado convention religious education department who has been working with the churches in the four states of the Northern Plains Convention, was elected director of religious education for the new convention. His appointment was effective immediately.

Baker, the new executive secretary, will assume the position effective Jan. 1, the date the convention actually comes into formal existence.

Baker, 56, was born in Illinois and was a pastor in Texas and Colorado before joining the Colorado convention staff, serving as pastor of Skyway Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Col., from 1955-62.

He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The convention voted to hold its 1968 meeting in Warland, Wyo., Nov. 5-7.

Mississippians had an important place on the program at the organizational session of the new convention. Dr. Chester L. Quarles was the principal speaker at the Wednesday night session, and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins brought a major message at the Thursday morning session. Seventeen Mississippians,

including four laymen, two accompanied by their wives, made the trip to the convention. All of these, except those who appeared on the program, were presently only as observers and to give encouragement, because of the vital interest Mississippi has had

in the Baptist work in the new convention territory, are W. J. Hughes, Grand Forks, N. D.; and the following men, all in Montana, Otis Fairley, Miles City; Ray Garrison, Livingston; Dick Mefford, Lame Deer; and Robert Wahl, Kalispell.

## Kentucky Southern Merges With Louisville University

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was given immediately to the school in the form of a loan floated by the convention. The remaining \$385,050 was promised to the school in equal yearly installments of \$77,010 for the next five years.

During the past eight months, while operating as a private, Christian school, Kentucky Southern has sought a broader base of support among businesses, individuals and churches of all denominations in the Louisville area.

While some pledges have been made to the school in its recent fund raising efforts, the total amount pledged and paid was not sufficient to alleviate its critical financial need.

administration and faculty, have launched a nationwide campaign to "Save Our School" from being swallowed up by the University of Louisville.

They're out to save a "dream of a quality education in a Christian setting." "Our name, our campus, and our dream have been given away without our knowledge and certainly without our consent," they say. And they're not about to take it sitting down.

Their goal: \$500,000 in cash by mid-November; another million in pledges by Nov. 30.

Their plea, they say, has been mailed, telegraphed and phoned to the "leading corporations and individuals in the United States." Their expenses are being met by sales of candy donated by a well-wisher.

Kentucky Southern College began operations as a Baptist institution in 1962. It has 800 students. Its 238-acre campus and buildings are worth \$8 million. But the school has been plagued by financial difficulties. Private support has been lacking.



Three of those attending Founders' Day at Blue Mountain College were, from left: Thomas Todd Martin, Mobile, Ala., speaker; Mrs. Price Paschal, Brandon, who presided, and E. Harold Fisher, college president.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE HAS ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

On the occasion of Blue Mountain College's 1967-68 Founders' Day, Edith Taylor Paschal, Brandon, an alumna of the college and president of the National Alumnae Association, and President E. Harold Fisher, presided over one of the most successful and enjoyable special assembly programs of "Memories of Blue Mountain College from 1907 until the Present Day," that could be recalled by those who so enthusiastically look forward to such occasions and convocations.

Guest speaker for the program was Thomas Todd Martin, Mobile, Ala., formerly of the Blue Mountain College "Family" and a local citizen, now vice-president of the GM&O Railroad.

Mr. Martin brought to the

attention of faculty, students, staff, alumnae, area and local friends of the College, the outstanding characteristics of the former presidents and faculty members of the school, and closed by stating that he could wish for the BMC student of today, nothing better than that she find as much satisfaction through the years in looking back on her associations at the College as he had found, and the noted speaker called the attention of the current students to the wonderful leadership of those who are so ably carrying on and adapting to these changing times, but holding on to the principles, standards, and ideals which were so beautifully established by the people he referred to during his address, "I Remember."

## TRIBUTE TO W. H. SUMRALL

By James B. Butler  
Pastor  
Palestine Church

The beloved Dean of Mississippi College has been promoted. In Nature's course, his time had come. He knew that his work was done. He stood within the twilight, within the deepening gloom, knowing that for the last time the gold was fading from the West and that there could not fall again within his eyes the trembling lustre of another dawn. He knew that night had come, and yet his soul was filled with light, for in that night the memory of his generous deeds shone out like stars.

The future holds the fruit of joy; the present keeps us from the feast, and so, with hurrying feet we climb the heights and upward look with eager eyes. But when the sun begins to sink and shadows fall in front, and lengthen on the path, then falls upon the heart a sense of loss, and then we hoard the shreds and crumbs and vainly long for what was cast away. And then with miser care we save and spread thin hands before November's half-fed flickering flames, while through the glass of time we moaning watch the few remaining grains of sand that hasten to their end. In the gathering gloom the fires slowly die, while memory dreams of youth, and hope sometimes mistakes the glow of ashes for the coming of another morn.

But our friend was an exception. He lived in the present; he enjoyed the sunshine of to-day. Although his feet had touched the boundary of four-score, he had not reached the time to stop, to turn and think about the travelled road. He was still full of life and hope, and had the interest of youth in all the affairs of men.

Doctor Sumrall has left us a legacy of the increased value of goodness. By the example of his life, we have a finer conception of what it means to be good and true. To enrich life in service for others. To realize that true happiness comes not in making oneself happy, but others. He has left us a deeper assurance of the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Let him sleep beneath the rose-bush in Roseland, there to await the Resurrection Morn and peradventure from a nearby Magnolia tree a Mocking Bird will sing its Evening Lay. May Our Friend and Brother in Christ, REST IN PEACE.

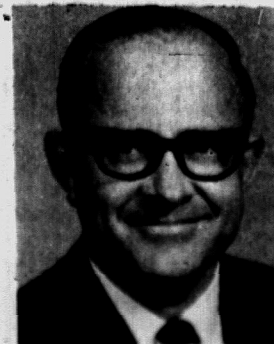
## Taylor Accepts Church In N. Y.

Rev. Howard Taylor has resigned the pastorate of Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, to accept the pastorate of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Newburgh, New York, which is in the Hudson Valley, fifty miles north of New York City.

Mr. Taylor, a native of Eupora, is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. For the past 15 years he has served pastorates in Mississippi. While he has been at Clarke-Venable, the church has constructed a new auditorium and has increased its budget as well as its mission giving.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Sarah Holcombe of Georgia, a graduate of Tift College and Southern Seminary. The Taylors have one son, David, two.

The church which Mr. Taylor has accepted is the focal point of mission work in the Hudson Valley. With a membership of around 175, the Ridgecrest Church has three missions at this time—a Spanish-speaking work, a mission at Kingston, N. Y., and a mission at New Paltz, New York, the home of a university. The church is located near West Point Military Academy and Stewart Air Force Base.



Rev. Howard Taylor

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groups to try to win our nation to Christ before it is too late.

To Culminate In 1973  
The "go-it-alone" method has not worked yet and only produces unounged prejudices and spirit - killing isolation. All of us, I think, would deeply regret any effort that would produce prejudice and isolation or any effort that would curb any of us in speaking what we actually believe the Bible to speak.

The movement to culminate in 1973 would urge every denomination in the USA to become involved in an evangelistic effort of its own and those of its own who dislike evangelism would be free to abstain from the cooperative effort. It would involve Billy Graham appearing on a nation-wide telecast three to five nights in one week prior to the simultaneous effort and we would set up relay stations across the nation. All who wish to view it from their homes could do so but we would urge all to attend at the auditorium in every city where such facilities are available to bring people who ought to make decisions in every city, and to have pastors and laymen present to receive those who make public decisions. The names of those making decisions would be sent to the churches of their choice. This would be followed in the USA with a week of intensive, evangelistic preaching and witnessing by every church of

any denomination involved. We could win the bulk of the unsaved in our nation with this combined effort in 1973. Each church will use its own pastor, or whomever it chooses, for the evangelist during the simultaneous week of evangelism.

It is my hope that this will fit into the Baptist world effort and that the Baptist world effort could be put on in 1973, but in the United States we could hope that all Protestant denominations would have a simultaneous effort during the same week.

### Opportunity Offered

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has asked the Home Mission Board to ask the Division of Evangelism to do something along this order. I have this paper on my desk as a vote of the Administrative Committee and I have been told that I can do something about it or I can refuse to do anything about it just as I see fit. The Washington, D. C. meeting in September offered us an opportunity to begin to implement the wishes of the Administrative Committee's decision.

There is a vast difference between cooperating with others in an effort to try to bring lost souls of any given section of the world to Christ and the ecumenical movement. Ecumenicity has as its ultimate goal organic union of all denominations. The majority of Southern Baptists do not embrace this view. I, for one, do not embrace this view. None of the men present at this first meeting would embrace this concept. So please let us keep clear in our thinking that we are not headed toward ecumenicity but we are headed toward cooperation for the sake of lost soul and in order to do away with prejudice and isolation.

## IN SEMINARIES

### ENROLLMENT UP

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were listed on the 1966 fall enrollments report were not listed on the 1967 report. Thus 66 schools reported, enrollments in 1966, while only 64 schools were included in the 1967 fall enrollment report.

One of the schools, Kentucky Southern College in Louisville, had severed its ties with the Kentucky Baptist Convention to become a

private school, and one week before the report was issued, announced that it was merging with University of Louisville.

The other school, Southern Illinois College of the Bible, did not report because it does not meet the academic requirements to be listed as a Baptist school. It was at their request that the school was taken off the list.

Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the SBC Education Commission, explained that if the enrollments of these two schools were subtracted from the 1966 report, the net fall enrollment of the Baptist schools for 1967 would actually have increased by 853 students instead of decreasing by 22 students.

The enrollment decrease of 22 students this fall compares with an enrollment increase of 3,130 students last fall.

Of the 64 schools included in the report this year, 37 enrollments, and 25 reported enrollment decrease, and two reported the same enrollments as last year.

The biggest increases occurred at Furman University in Greenville, S. C., with 217 additional students to a net enrollment of 1,654; and at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, the largest Baptist school in the country with 7,647 "regular" students enrolled. Baylor enrollment was up 212 this year.

Biggest decrease in enrollment was reported by Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., which dropped by 164 students to an enrollment of 1,465.

Enrollment at all but eight of the 64 schools was within 100 students of the number reported for the fall of 1966. Thus, enrollment seems to have stabilized this fall.

In addition to the "net enrollment" of "regular" (full-time) students, the Baptist schools reported 7,461 "other" students enrolled in correspondence, extension and non-credit classes.

Total enrollment, including all categories of students, for the 64 schools this fall was 78,055, compared to 75,191 last fall, a decrease of 2,864.

## Mission Receipts Of SBC Continue Upward Climb

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists have given more than \$40 million to world missions caused during the first ten months of 1967, about \$2 million more than the same period in 1966.

More than half of that amount, a total of \$20,838,302, has been contributed through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget plan which supports 21 SBC agencies and programs.

The remaining \$19,559,808 has come in the form of designated contributions to specific SBC missions causes on a national and world-wide level.

## Missionary Women Meet In Mountains

Twenty-six Southern Baptist missionary women in Korea gathered at Academy House, in the beautiful and serene mountains near Seoul, for their third annual retreat.

Academy House, explains Missionary Betty Jane Hunt, former Mississippian, was built as a conference center for the Academy Movement in Korea, which seeks solutions to contemporary social problems by organizing study committees, bringing people of various professions together for dialogue, and training them to put proposed solutions into action.

The program of the week-end retreat included study of Philipians, led by Mrs. Roy E. Snell, and inspirational messages by Mrs. Margie Moore, a second-generation Methodist missionary, who told about her childhood in Korea, evacuation during the Korean war, and other experiences.

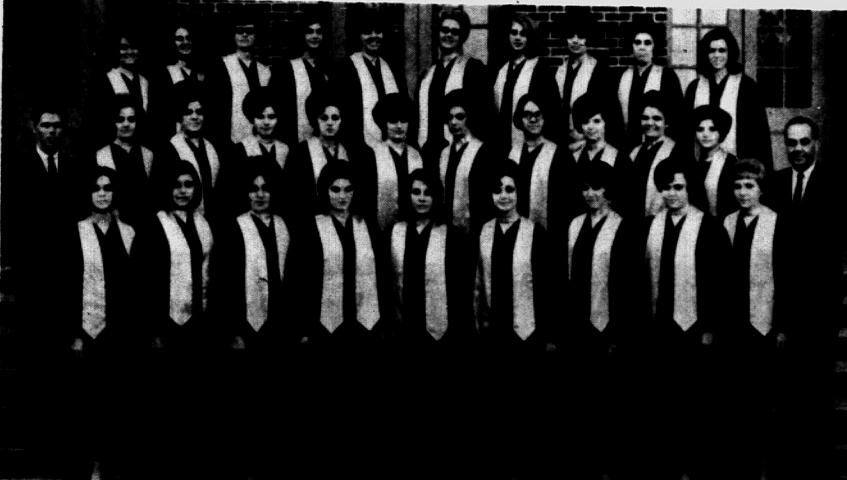


REV. W. M. DAVES is leading the First Church, Fulton in the church's first organized stewardship emphasis, October 29-November 19. They are using "Growth in Christian Stewardship." "Our offerings increased just by our talking about the program, and on Tithers Demonstration Day our offering was \$1,079; approximately twice the average before the program began. On this day our attendance was the best we have had in a long time," said Rev. Daves.

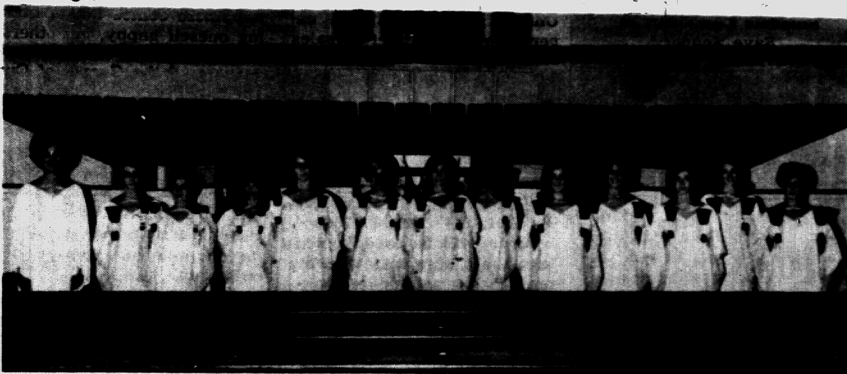




**CLARKE COLLEGE SINGERS** — Girls (Choralettes) clockwise, from bottom: Clara Legg, Ruleville; Peggy Williams, Florence; Tierre' Welsh, Columbus, Ohio; Sherry Jolly, Jerseyville, Ill.; Linda Willis, Newton; Starr Benefield, Mexia, Ala.; Men (Choralists) from left: Mike Smith, Tupelo; Charles Gibson, Meridian; Danny Ray Jones, Germantown, Ky.; Kendall Winstead, Morton; Bobby Seale, Meridian; Robin Nichols, Vicksburg; Tommy Fant, Laurel; David Walker, York, Ala. The Clarke College Singers, shown above, together with the Clarke Choir (not pictured) sang on Tuesday afternoon at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in Jackson. The "Singers" also had engagements on November 14 at Pelahatchie High School, Brandon High School, and the Clarke Alumni Dinner at Calvary Church, Jackson. On November 16, the group will sing at Forest High School, 1:15 p.m., Morton High School, 2:30 p.m., and the Baptist Youth Night, Coliseum, Jackson, at 8:00 p.m.



**THE BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE CHORUS** presented special music during the Wednesday afternoon session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention held this week at First Church, Jackson. Dr. Brooks Haynes, right, is director of the Chorus, and G. Edward Ludlow is accompanist. Pictured above are the thirty members of the 1967-68 BMC Chorus, who make all appearances in blue and gold silk robes, gifts to the college, presented in memory of Miss Linda Berry, Tupelo, who was for thirty-seven years Director of the Department of Voice at the college.



The Handbell Choir from First Church, Calhoun City will be playing at the Youth Night Services in Jackson November 16. Members of the choir are (left to right): Mrs. Bill R. Baker, Director; Mary Lynn Perkins, Sandra Baker, Sherry Brown, Rita Rasberry, Patricia Summers, Maybelle Dobbs, Pam VanLandingham, Connie Hawkins, Susan Ball, Alecia Holloway, Cheryl Leigh Perkins, and Janis Brown. Rev. Bill Baker is pastor.

## SERMON THEME

# Urgency To Minister

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reason and examination that if we are not demonstrating His righteousness, then we have not been saved from the opposite of righteousness which is sin.

"Being born again means reconciliation. There was a time when man was on perfect terms and in perfect harmony with God. But man doubted that God was really leveling with him and so decided to try Satan's way of attaining life.

"In the process man fell from that perfect relationship and perfect harmony. God and man became at odds with each other. When man, within the conviction of the Holy Spirit turns to God and repents that he ever doubted God and through his faith accepts the blood of Jesus Christ which is necessary for him to be cleansed of the guilt of his sin, he then becomes reconciled to God again.

"Being born again means forgiveness. When a person experiences the New Birth he is then ready to go to work in God's vineyard. And we do not have much trouble getting these kind of folks to do the ministry of God."

Regarding the need for personal dedication to the will of God he declared:

"God still leads people who are willing to be led. When we are doing God's work the

way He wants it done, where He wants it done — then we can be assured of His presence and power with us.

"The church to whom He has given His mandate to minister is made up of those in whom His spirit dwells. They have seen the new heaven and the new earth which He came to show.

"If the church is filled with unbrotherliness and selfishness and dissension — then we are not worthy of this ministry and His Kingdom has not come within our hearts."

Commenting on the need for a commitment to His ministry the preacher said:

"We have little trouble getting things done that we want to do. We have little trouble committing ourselves to our ministry.

**Purposes Seen**

"Our ministry is getting people to join the church—His ministry is getting people to be saved.

"Our ministry is to get people enrolled in Sunday school so that we can have a larger record than last Sunday or last year." "Our ministry is to have more members than we had last year so that we might be in the top 25 or the top 100.

"His ministry is that the Kingdom of God (The rule of God in the hearts of people)

might come upon earth—as it is in Heaven.

"Our ministry is to plan a budget that we can brag about at the convention — His ministry is that we might teach total commitment of all that we can brag about at the convention — His ministry is that we might teach total commitment of all that we are and all that we have and all that we might be to His course and Kingdom.

"His ministry is that the stewardship of possessions become an expression of total commitment to unselfish living and sacrificial service through His church to our fellowman and for His Glory."

Mr. Davis closed on an optimistic note when he declared emphatically that "When these pre-requisites are met, God promises to reward our efforts of ministry."

Continuing, he said that "Christians will grow in His grace and power — the world will take note that we have been with Jesus.

"Preachers and other church leaders will be encouraged.

"All of God's children will live with a fresh, alive, glowing hope and anticipation of the time when Christ shall come to say 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the full joy of thy Lord.'"

# State Convention Opens

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tian race to our full potential. Then we will let God solve our personal problems, our church problems and the problems of Mississippi Baptists."

Speaking of the sin that doth so easily beset us, he said:

"What is the sin which doth so easily beset us? Notice, he says, the sin, which is singular.

"Is this the sin of unbelief? Dr. W. A. Criswell said that unbelief is the mother of all sins.

## Due To Lack of Faith

"The sin of theft, robbery, is due to a lack of faith in God and committal to Christ. The thief does not believe God will take care of him, so he steals.

"God has given us our faith and Jesus has finished it. It is complete. Many people doubt the sufficiency of their faith.

"One word that reveals belief is found in Philippians 4:13 where Paul says, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'"

"Consider with me four reasons why men fail to accomplish God's will.

"1. Doubting your mental ability — everyone, either now or sometime in the past, has doubted whether he had the mental ability needed to get the job done.

"May I ask you, do you believe God expects you to do anything of which you are mentally incapable? How absurd!

"2. Doubting the adequacy of your time — When we believe we do not have the time, it is because we have not budgeted our time correctly.

"3. Doubting the sufficiency of your faith — When we believe we do not have enough faith, it is apparent that we are not applying the faith we have. We have all the faith needed to do all God expects us to do.

"4. Doubting the supply of your energy — Many people say, 'I'm so tired.' What I say when they tell me this is 'rest'.

"God is all energy and when we come to God by faith and obedience, He gives us all the energy we need."

"Another word I have used which reveals holy faith is found in Matthew 11:30, 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' What did Jesus mean when he used the word 'easy?' Exactly the opposite of what we find in Proverbs 13:15, 'The way of the transgressors is hard.'

"The third word I would like to call to our attention is in Matthew 11:28. Jesus said, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' What a sweet rest He is talking about. Rest as we run the Christian race with Jesus. He is the burden-bearer. He carries all our burdens when we bring them to Him.

## Should Replace Negative

"The fourth and fifth words that reveal belief are 'since' and 'when' which should replace the negative word 'if.' By this I mean, suppose a person is saying, 'If I had an education or \$100, I would do more for Jesus. If denotes doubt. God is interested in what we do have and can do rather than what we don't have and can't do.

"The sixth word that reveals belief in God is 'eager', which should replace the word 'anxious'. Anxiety is the result of fear, which comes from a lack of faith in God.

"The seventh word is 'remember', or it will come to me, instead of I have forgotten. We need to develop better memories in order to remember more of God's Word and His great truths. Psalms 119:11, 'Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.'

The eighth word that reveals holy faith is 'excited' which should replace the word 'nervous'. Since God is our strength, He is all the energy we need."

Regarding the Positive Mental attitude Mr. Townsend declared:

"What is the PMA? It is the Positive Mental Attitude or the right mental attitude, one that says 'yes' to life. Philippians 4, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' and again I say, rejoice."

"I believe basically what Jesus is teaching is get into the right attitude of mind — the positive attitude — the word rejoice means to be glad and be filled with joy, then

life is full, it overflows. "When we take the positive approach, our conscious mind will suggest ways and means by which we will be steered toward our goal until accomplished.

"When we set our goals God sees to it that we reach them. When we have unbelief, the conscious mind is suggesting to the subconscious mind that we remember all catastrophes, bad experiences, and unpleasant feelings.

"When we have the correct mental attitude we will have mental freedom. Mental freedom will also release our radiant personality which He gave us, for we all have a radiant personality."

## Man Created To Worship

In discussing the stewardship of money the speaker said:

"Many people seem to think it is a blessing to be poor. To those may I suggest that you sit down and ask God to make you twice as poor so you will have twice the blessings.

"God created man to worship and praise Him. We are happy, content and peaceful when we are fulfilling the purpose for which we were created, and miserable when we are not.

"When we tithe and make our offerings we are recognizing God's sovereign ownership, our relation to Him, and our stewardship.

"When we are unfaithful with our money, we are unfaithful with the spiritual blessings and responsibilities and we are out of fellowship with God. Basically, generosity is a means to spirituality.

"The Bible says pay your tithes and offerings first, and then you will have enough left to pay your bills. Many people do not believe that, but for the people who believe, it works.

"The estimated tithe of Mississippi Baptists is approximately \$160 million dollars, and we are having problems raising a Convention budget of less than 3 1/2 million. This reveals the spiritual depth of Mississippi Baptists.

"Mr. R. G. LeTourneau was asked why he could give so much to God. His answer, 'I suppose, because God uses a bigger shovel than I do.' Maybe giving more of our

money would lighten the load for running the Christian race."

In the area of witnessing the lay speaker said:

"The only thing that will motivate us to witness for Jesus is the love of God in our hearts. Yes, it will, when we are filled with the Spirit of God. One reason we should be motivated to witness is the fact that we might be the only person between a lost soul and Hell, and they need to come to Jesus just as much as you and I did."

"Do you really believe there is a Hell? Witnessing will also lighten the load for running the Christian race."

## Should Support Missions

Speaking on the last subject, that of missions, Mr. Townsend declared:

"We should be involved in missions around the world. This is why many of the pastors and laity have been eager in helping establish churches and missions throughout America and even around the world.

"We have seen a lot of work done in Colorado, California, Ohio, Montana, and other

states. "Would you be willing to pray, 'Lord, what would thou have me do?' 'Lord, thrust laborers into the harvest field.'"

"I have made my decision. Should God want me in Montana, I am ready to go. Should God want me in Ohio, California, Tokyo or Rio, I am ready to go.

"Many people try to decide what God wants them to do, then decide whether or not they will do it. That is the hard way.

"God needs you. Are you willing to pray, 'Lord, here am I, send me.' You can do what God wants you to do, and it is worth it to you and God.

"When Mississippi Baptists have cast off the weight and the sin that so easily besets us, we can run the Christian race with patience.

"With God's help, we can do all things, and solve the problems which face Mississippi Baptists.

"Realistic, unselfish (Continued On Page 5)

## ARE YOU COVERED?

By J. W. Brister, Supt. Of Missions — Gulf Coast Association

You have heard the line on television so many times "Raise your hands — I have you covered." The Annuity Board of Southern Baptist Convention would like to do just that for the local church. They would like to cover you.

At this time of year many of our churches are preparing the budget for the new year. Have you placed something in your budget for an Annuity Plan for your pastor?

Most of us would not think of taking a trip in an automobile without taking a spare tire — most of us would not let the sun sink today if we did not have insurance to cover ourselves to protect our families. Most of the churches of this association would not think of setting up a budget without a certain amount of money there for minister's annuity.

It is the wise person who makes provision for emergencies that could arise. Should something happen to your pastor tomorrow, should he become permanently disabled or ill for an extended period of time, or should he suddenly be killed in an automobile accident or some other means, what could your church do?

In looking over some of our records, we find that some of the churches who do not cover their ministers with Ministers' Annuity are the churches that would be least able to take care of an ailing minister, or a widow and family of a pastor who had passed on. This is the saddest thing we could find. For just a few dollars every month the church as well as the pastor could be covered. Why not get in touch with W. R. Robert, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, today, and make provision for your church? —From "The Tide."

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### A New Convention Is Born

Seventeen Mississippi Baptist pastors, denominational leaders, laymen and women, spent three days in South Dakota last week, seeing some of the missionary labors and investments of Mississippians bearing permanent fruit in the formation of a new Baptist state convention. They were attending the organization meeting of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in Rapid City. As is reported elsewhere in this issue of the Record, the convention is made up of Southern Baptist churches in the four states, North and South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

Mississippians, of course, were only a part of the large group of Southern Baptists who have shared in planting Southern Baptist work in these states. The mother convention of the new organization, was the Colorado Baptist General Convention, which was formed only 14 years ago, and has rendered tremendous service in the whole area. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been a mighty force through its Pioneer Missions program. Other states, associations, churches and individuals have supported the work. One also must salute those hardy pastors and missionaries, and their families, who have planted their lives in this area, often at tremendous sacrifice. With them have been the wonderful laymen and women who have been enlisted and helped build the churches and missions. Too, one must remember the hundreds of splendid young Christians from other areas who have served as summer missionaries. All of them have had a part in preparing for this new convention.

Nevertheless, Mississippi Baptists can rejoice that their part in the work has been a most vital one. They have worked with churches and associations, especially in Montana. They have given financial support, and many individuals and groups have gone to serve and witness for brief period, while some have gone to stay in the area. Large numbers of Mississippi churches

and individuals have had part, as the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee has given leadership.

Now the fruit of that labor and support comes, as the new convention is formed. The group is small, when compared to the older conventions, and faces many problems. Nevertheless, it was a joy and inspiration to see the faith of the people, the courage with which they face the future, and the great program which they have adopted for themselves. We predict that Southern Baptist work will make even faster advance in the area. This does not mean that the work will be easier, or that assistance will not still be needed. More than ever, Mississippians and others must give their support, but the new convention gives a united, unified front for advance, in positive Christian witness in the whole great Northern area where the convention will serve.

This whole new program is based upon the Southern Baptist concept that this is not a day for retrenchment and consolidation, but for expansion and advance. It is not a time for fewer churches but for more. It is not a time for combining denominations and churches, as the ecumenists preach, but rather for strengthening the conventions and churches we have, and establishing new ones wherever they are needed. It is this missionary spirit which has spread Southern Baptists across the nation.

Mississippi Baptists believe in this principle, and will continue to support the work in the Northern Plains, and wherever else Southern Baptist work is spreading and growing, for they are convinced that this type of Baptist Christian witness is needed everywhere in the world right now. Events such as that in Rapid City last week give them assurance that they are in God's will in this conviction.

### "Baptists First And Christians Second"

A letter writer in the North Carolina state Baptist paper, *The Biblical Recorder*, in disapproving of the action of the Mecklenburg Association of that state in announcing that, beginning next year, it would not seat messengers from churches which accept sprinkling of believers as baptism, or practice open membership, stated that the association messengers were "Baptists

first, and Christians second." He added, "They placed more emphasis on a denominational doctrine than upon the application of Christian love to their fellow Baptists. God grant that our scale of values will be such that loyalty to Christ will transcend every other allegiance in our lives in every circumstance."

The writer apparently overlooks the fact that his statements are contradictory. He suggests that "loyalty to Christ transcend every other value" and then suggests that in love to our fellow Christians we should disobey Christ's clear command concerning baptism. "Immersion of believers" as baptism, is not merely a "denominational doctrine" as he suggests, but is the clear teaching of Christ and the whole New Testament. Baptists acceptance of only this as baptism is not because they do not love other Christians, but because of their "loyalty to Christ."

Baptists are "Christian" in their attitude toward others. They do give a hand of Christian fellowship and love to all other persons who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. When, however, it comes to their doctrines, they cannot follow their emotions. They have no right to change their doctrines simply because they love their fellow men.

If a church desires to deviate from the clear teachings of Christ and the New Testament in its doctrinal position, it has, as far as fellow Christians are concerned, every right to do so. It is responsible to the Lord in this, and not to fellow churches. It is responsible to fellow churches, however, when it seeks to participate in their associations for it has no right to expect those fellow churches to relinquish their loyalty to Christ in their doctrines, merely to accommodate it.

The churches involved in such a case are not being mistreated. Let them bring their doctrinal position back in line with the teachings of Christ and the New Testament, as held by their fellow Baptists, or let them depart in peace, seeking fellowship with churches believing and teaching as they do.

When Baptist churches abandon the clear New Testament requirements in the matter of receiving members, they usually will soon cease to be Baptist churches. A famous case in history is the John Bunyan church, which began a policy of "open membership" during his ministry, and before many years ceased to be a Baptist church. Modern day Baptists should heed this and other examples, which reveal that Baptists continue to prosper only when they hold tenaciously to the clear teaching of Christ and the New Testament.



It is estimated that already available in the world is the destructive equivalent of 30,000 pounds of TNT for every person on earth. Yet there are not 30,000 pounds of food in ready reserve for every person on earth. There are not 30,000 pounds of medicines or clothing or books or even building materials in ready reserve for every person on earth. The pattern of reserves tends to lead to a pattern of use. (Saturday Review, August 1967)

Six million people in America are mentally retarded. They are as many as the combined populations of Maine, Oregon, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Wyoming. There are as many people as live in Los Angeles and Chicago together. The number would make 12 Indianapolises, 24 Wichitas, 48 Winston-Salems. Half of the nation's 25,000 school districts offer no classes for pupils having special learning problems and needs. It is estimated that some 2,100 children who are or will become mentally retarded will be born EVERY WEEK in 1968. The cause of 3 in every cases of mental retardation remains unknown. (Report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, 1967)

### Ruschlikon Students From 20 Countries

The 47 students enrolled for the new school year at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, represent 20 countries, a record for the school. They come from 14 European nations, plus Israel, Brazil, Cuba, the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Five students are working toward master of theology degrees, 20 toward bachelor of divinity degrees, and 18 toward diplomas. Four are auditing.

A student from Italy, Saverio Guarna, pastors a mission for Italian migrant workers in the area. Seventeen Italians recently professed faith in Christ following a weekend evangelistic emphasis.

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

November 20—C. H. Melton, supt. of missions, Newton County; Fred Tarpley, supt. of missions, Hinds County.

November 21—Bea Fortenberry, Baptist Book Store; Paul Nunnery, superintendent, Children's Village.

November 22—Lillian Weidenhammer, faculty, William Carey College; Donald Winters, faculty, William Carey College.

November 23—Amelie Gilbert, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Walter F. Taylor, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

November 24—Andrew Clark, Baptist Building; Leonard Thompson, Baptist Building.

November 25—Mrs. Tarley Barber, maternal child health instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Kathryn Bearden, director, religious activity, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

November 26—John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke College; E. R. Pinson, faculty, Mississippi College.

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Dr. Charles Myers  
There is a certain magic in the name San Francisco. When you speak it there is an excitement about it. Perhaps this is because of her history. One thinks of the gold rush and the miners making their way to San Francisco where the gold was often spent foolishly rather than wisely. One thinks of a gay city without any cares, feasting on the products of gold. But her history has not always been gay. One remembers the tragic earthquake that nearly destroyed the city and took thousands of lives. Perhaps the heroic struggle of the people to rebuild have created an admiration in each of us that sets her apart.

Maybe history has nothing to do with our feeling. It may be her steep hills, her cable cars, her Golden Gate Bridge, her magnificent port, or several other physical assets. It could be her culture, her mixture of so many social groups, or the place of meeting of the East and the West. Or it could be our appreciation for the fact that here was where the United Nations was born. Whatever the reason may be, there is a magic in the name San Francisco.

It is strange, is it not, that emotions are stirred in us by the calling of names of places or people. And, as a rule, the name called means different things to different people. This difference is determined by the association the person has had with the individual or place named. The name called is the same, but the feelings stirred are entirely different. The difference is within the individual.

One of the best known names in our country today is Jesus Christ. There are few, if any, who have not heard the name, and the vast majority can tell you something about Him. And the calling of His name certainly stirs different feelings in different lives. Some people only use the name when they swear and, of course, are stirred by anger. Others have a feeling of respect for a great teacher and a founder of a religion. Others have the feeling that He is a magic worker to whom they turn in time of trouble. Others are not particularly concerned and, in indifference, turn away with little or no emotion.

But to millions of people the name stirs a deeper feeling than any other name that can be called. The reason for this is these people have come to



### The Baptist Forum

### GRANDSON OF DR. ROPER

With all the publicity given to the election of the new president of Mississippi College, I have not seen any information released anywhere that Dr. Nobles is the grandson of Dr. W. A. Roper, noted Baptist pastor of the last generation.

Sometime, somewhere at an appropriate time it would be well in the Baptist Record for this to be made known to the people because there has never been a pastor in the state better loved or more respected for his ministry across the years than Dr. Roper, a Mississippi College graduate himself.

Of course, I have special appreciation for Dr. Roper because he was the man who baptized my wife and myself. He was in charge of my own ordination and performed our wedding ceremony. He was a

know Him personally as their Saviour. In a deep repentance they have come to God, accepted Christ as their sin substitute, and have found peace with God. They have in Christ the assurance of eternal life with God. No wonder they feel as they do. He has done for them something more wonderful than anything else in all the world. He did it out of love and at no cost to them. It is just natural for those who know Jesus Christ to be stirred deep within their soul when His name is called.

actually one of the greatest men and best scholars I have ever met. Too, I have known this grandson since he was a junior boy. He is of the same high quality.

Information of this background family connection will be especially helpful to the people of south Mississippi where Dr. Roper served so well as in the Kosciusko area where he was pastor for some time, and in the Meridian area where he became one of the greatest Baptist influences of his day.

I just wanted you to have this as background information.

Sincerely,  
James L. Sullivan  
S.S. Board, SBC  
Nashville, Tenn.

### JUDSON GETS MEDICALBOOKS COLLECTION

Providence Hospital in Mobile has donated a thousand-volume collection of medical books and periodicals to the Judson College library. The collection will be used to strengthen the paramedical program and for library studies at the Alabama Baptist woman's college, according to Dr. Lillian Manley, chairman of the Division of Science, and Dr. Calvin C. Turpin, librarian.

The gift was made through the efforts of Dr. Shepard Jerome, Mobile urologist and president of the Judson Dad's Club.

## Newest In Books

### Lesson Commentaries

**BROADMAN COMMENTS,** International Sunday School Lessons, 1968 by Edward A. McDowell and five other authors (Broadman, 463 pp., \$3.25)

An outstanding feature of this volume is the practical, easy-to-use teaching plan for each Sunday school lesson. Other popular aids for effective lesson preparation include: the complete Bible text in the King James Version, life-centered introduction, ideas for applying the lesson to present-day needs, selected bibliographies, and visual aid suggestions. McDowell, author of "The Lesson in the Word," is minister of teaching at First Church, Atlanta, Ga. Writers of "The Lesson in Life" include Don Harbuck, Sybil Leonard Armes, Norman Shands, and C. Dewitt Matthews. "Suggestions for Teaching" are presented by Caroline Henderson.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS,** 1968, by Clifton J. Allen (Broadman, 216 pp., 95 cents)

A pocket commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching Uniform Series, this 51st annual volume is attractively bound in red. These concise, yet pithy, comments by Dr. Allen are reprinted weekly in the Baptist Record.

**TARBELL'S TEACHER'S GUIDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS,** 1968, edited by Frank S. Mead (Fleming H. Revell, 383 pp., \$3.25)

This commentary, acclaimed by all denominations, features pertinent illustrations; practical teaching suggestions for young people and adults, intermediates and seniors; Scripture-based comments; recommended audio-visual aids; RSV - King James Version texts in parallel columns; a pronunciation guide; and comprehensive historical, geographical backgrounds. The editor is an outstanding teacher, preacher, and author. An ordained Methodist minister, he is editor-in-chief of Fleming H. Revell Company.

**ROZELL'S COMPLETE LESSONS,** 1968, (by Brooks Ramsey (Zondervan, 317 pp., \$2.95) 21st annual volume)

This Sunday school commentary features lessons complete as the teacher would teach them; Scripture text in Revised Standard Version; easy-to-follow outlines; latest teaching methods built into the material; practical

applications; unusual introductions and conclusions; and directions for use of the chalk board. Brooks Ramsey is pastor of Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

**THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON ANNUAL,** 1968, edited by Horace R. Weaver, with lesson analysis by (Zondervan, 447 pp., \$3.25)

This commentary is in its 13th year. Every lesson carries the complete text in both King James and Revised Standard Versions, printed in parallel columns. A biblical scholar explains special meanings in the Bible text not readily gained from the text alone. "Looking at the Lesson Today" gives a penetrating analysis of the meaning of the Bible text in terms of life today. Along with numerous teaching suggestions, there are special detailed notes accompanying all line drawings, each with a particular educational message. Other special features include an index of Scripture, a subject index, and audio-visual resource lists.

**ILLUSTRATE!** by James C. Hefley (Zondervan, 130 pp., paperback, \$1.50)

This is a valuable teammate for 1968 International Sunday School Lesson commentaries. Teachers searching for stories from current news, illustrations, and attention-getters will find them in abundance here, topically indexed.

**HIGLEY'S VERSE BY VERSE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY,** 1968 (Lambert Huffman, Publishers, Winona Lake, Indiana, 531 pp., \$3.25)

Here is the new Higley Commentary on the International Uniform Sunday School Lessons, fresh from the press, all packed with good things for the Sunday school teacher! There are 1000 questions and answers to stimulate class discussion (the Pump Primer.) And in addition to the rich weekly lesson helps, there are these Higley supplements: a Scripture index to show where verses are explained and discussed; a Special Day Selector, with art and ideas for special days at Sunday school; eight pages of full-color Bible maps; and a printed hymn to go with each lesson, plus the music and the story of the writing of each hymn.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT FROM 26 TRANSLATIONS,** Curtis Vaughan, General Editor (Zondervan, 1237 pp., \$12.50)

This important new book combines in one volume variations from 26 translations. Phrase by phrase, the whole

New Testament is presented, with the King James Version printed first, in bold type. Then following the King James Version, there are, for every phrase, three, four, or five clear, illuminating variations, chosen from the other 25 translations. This beautifully bound volume is not meant for a straight reading, but as an invaluable reference book for Bible study. Possibly its best point is that it gives so much information in a hurry. All in one convenient volume are consolidated the varying shades of meaning from the 26 versions. The student, teacher, preacher, speaker, or Sunday school teacher, will be saved countless hours of working leafing through the individual translations, if they have this marvelous new work at hand. Dr. Herschel Hobbs, former SBC president, says it is one of the most thrilling things he has seen. In addition to Dr. Vaughan, there were 14 contributing editors.

**DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION** by William Wilson Stevens (Eerdmans, 435 pp., \$6.95)

The preface explains the purpose of this book. It is written "to provide a Christian doctrines textbook for the college and university level, and to fulfil the demand for a layman's theology." The book "assumes only a meager knowledge of the Bible on the part of reader, and does not purport to be a systematic theology on the seminary level." Dr. Stevens has done his job well, and we believe has fulfilled his purpose. The great doctrines of the Bible and Christian religion are well covered. The writing is clearly understandable even by the average reader, and the interpretation covers the subjects thoroughly. Varying interpretations of various doctrines are presented in fairness, and the author makes his own position clear. The author is a Baptist and does a very effective job in presenting the reasons for the positions generally held by Baptists and for rejecting other interpretations. In areas where there is disagreement, even among Baptists, the author fairly presents the various views. The book is well documented. This book should prove of real value to those who use it, whether in educational institutions or in their own private study. It is the type of book which not only will be studied or read one time, but also serve as a reference book for frequent use.



# SCRAPBOOK

## The Spirit Of Thanksgiving



**MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING** — The Pilgrims thought only of gratitude to God as their storm-tossed voyage ended on Dec. 21, 1620. This painting depicts the hardy group of pioneers atop historic Plymouth Rock, their heads bowed in prayer as they thanked God for their safe voyage. The Pilgrims originally intended to settle in Virginia, but the Mayflower was blown off its course and instead they established the first permanent colony in New England. (RNS Photo)

## A Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Dear Lord, how very good it is to set aside a day in which to show thanksgiving for Your blessings on our way. Assembled here with loved ones to share this harvest food... For health to make our days a joy, for home in which to rest... For children who fulfill our dreams, for work our skill to test... For faith while watching sons grow tall and strong in manhood's grace... That they will know our cherished dream of peace, not wars to face... For sounds of childish happiness of tots about our knees... For safety of our loved ones whom we cannot greet this day... Protect them with Thy watchfulness while they are far away... Lord, help us to interpret "Love thy neighbor as thyself" in a broad and loving manner, our prejudice to self... We thank Thee for each single day entrusted to our care, and for the beauty of this earth... The bounty that we share with those who are less fortunate... Help us to make our way a brighter path... Restore their hope on this Thanksgiving Day... We thank Thee for the wisdom of the learned men who lead... We ask for them Thy guidance for which everyone has need... We thank Thee for America and inborn pride we feel... For our courageous heritage and as the shadows steal across a gray November sky, we would quite simply say... Thank You, Lord, from humble hearts on this Thanksgiving Day.

—Harriett Elmblad  
"Druid Hills Builder"

### The Threshold

I age quickly,  
And yet I stand  
At the threshold of service.  
Neither do I knock or enter in.  
Why, Lord, do I thus stand

When already you give me  
The outstretched hand?  
Am I so weak in faith  
That I am afraid to trust?

—Charles Harville  
Rt. 3, Pontotoc

Our dauntless fathers of the Pilgrim band... Amid the dangers of a frontier land... Beset by perils of disease and death... Held to the doctrines of their ancient faith... Beside the scanty sheaves their hands had gained... They knelt and prayed to Him who had sustained their courage through their first embittered years... In reverence, in praise, they shed glad tears... And, making there an altar on the sod... They lifted head and heart in thanks to God... And we, amidst perils that beset our land... Have we still faith, ask His guiding hand... To lead us on and out? We ask forgiveness for wrongs that we have done... For dark ways we have trod, beneath God's sun; For told irreverence and pride, today... We ask forgiveness in our hearts we pray... For light, to guide us through the years to be... As pilgrims we return to worship Thee.

—Thomas C. Clark

### I Found Him

I looked up an found Him there,  
His anxious face so sweet,  
I saw the nail scars in His hands,  
And also in His feet.

He bade me come and trust Him,  
Accept His wondrous grace,  
And I knew my life was all  
Within His Holy face.

He's walked beside me all these miles  
He speaks by night and day,  
For me to trust Him always  
The length of every way.

He tells me of love and trust,  
Is kind to the meek and lowly,  
Lifts up those so weary,  
That they a peace may find.

And though I'm often weary,  
He bids me to go on,  
For strength will come from Him  
When I find my life is gone.

Mrs. Louise Berryman  
4562 North State St.  
Jackson, Miss.

### Thanksgiving

For morning sun and evening dew,  
For every bud that April knew,  
For storm and silence, gloom and light,  
For fallow field and burdened night;  
For the solemn stars at night;  
For fallow field and burdened night;  
For roof-tree and the hearth-side fire;  
For everything that shines and sings,  
For dear, familiar daily things—  
The friendly trees, and in the sky  
The white cloud-squadrons sailing by;  
For hope that waits, for faith that dares,  
For patience that still smiles and bears,  
For love that fails not, nor with-stands;  
For healing touch of children's hands,  
For happy labor, high intent,  
For all life's blessed sacrament,  
O Communion of our nights and days,  
Thou givest all things, take our praise!

—Arthur Ketchum

### Forget Not

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.  
Psalm 103:2.

A lot of kneeling will keep  
you in good standing with  
God.

### I May Divide

I am grateful, Lord,  
Because my meager loaf I  
may divide;  
For that my busy hands  
May move to meet another's  
need;  
Because my doubled strength  
I may expend to steady one  
who faints.

—Janie Alford

### Ample Stores

In ample stores  
of ripened fruit,  
In lately dormant sod,  
Is spelled in still  
unuttered words,  
Deep thankfulness  
to God.

—Florence Janson

### Thanksgiving Hymn

Thanksgiving we bring in our songs  
to thee,  
For bounties of earth, for fruit of  
the tree,  
For glorious fountains of water so  
pure,  
For temples of worship all time to  
endure.  
Abundant the yield of ripe fruited  
grain,  
From forest and field, from valley  
and plain;  
The verdant green pastures, so  
useful to man,  
Are tokens of blessings in Thy  
wondrous plan.

—Edwin McNeely  
Newton, Miss.

# Survey Reveals That Baptist Students May Not Be Rebels

By Jim Newton

NASHVILLE (BP)—A survey of Baptist students in ten colleges has revealed that the majority may not be the rebels some adult Baptists might have thought them to be.

When the survey was presented here to the Southern Baptist Convention Public Relations Advisory Committee, numerous denominational leaders commented in the hallways afterwards that they were amazed at some of the results.

More than half, 56.3 per cent, indicated they would seriously consider a church vocation if they felt a definite call or some reason.

More than 81 per cent endorsed a statement saying they believed that "the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man."

About one-third said they felt specific Southern Baptist Convention agencies were doing a "good" job, while less than 10 per cent felt they were doing a "poor" job.

The survey, analyzed in a 116-page book, was conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at the request of the SBC Public Relations Advisory Committee, the SBC Education Commission, and the Sunday School Board's program of vocational guidance.

It sought to determine Baptist student opinions toward the denomination, discover factors in their choice of a college, and determine attitudes of the students toward church vocations.

Ten colleges and universities in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and North Carolina were surveyed, including four Baptist colleges. There were 1,106 usable responses to the survey.

The survey was designed as a comparative study of the attitudes of students in Baptist and non-Baptist schools in different regions in the south, said Tom Morris, project analyst for the study and staff member of the Sunday School Board research and statistics department.

Morris said he felt the opinions expressed by the students were fairly representative of student attitudes throughout the SBC, and that students respond favorably when they are not asked "loaded questions," when compared to other studies.

Distinctive geographic patterns were verified, especially in the theological questions, with more conservative attitudes, and attitudes more favorable toward the denomination expressed in order by the students in the colleges in the Far-South, the Southwest, the Mid-South, and the East South.

On theological questions, the responses from the non-Baptist schools within a geographical area were generally more similar than those from all Baptist schools or for all non-Baptist schools, the summary of the survey stated.

Although 81.3 per cent agreed with the statement (mentioned earlier) that the Bible was written by men divinely inspired, another 56.4 per cent did not fully agree with the statement that the Bible "has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter."

Nearly 77 per cent agreed that "the criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ."

**Principles Revealed**  
Nearly 70 per cent agreed that "It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried."

In the field of vocational choice, 80.7 per cent stated that they wanted to feel they are directly helping other people in the work that they do.

A religious vocation was picked third (28.7 per cent) to education (40 per cent) and business (33.3 per cent) in the list of vocational areas which could satisfy the student's personal ambitions. Only 11.6 per cent, however, indicated they anticipated some religious vo-

cation.  
A total of 59.1 per cent said they felt Baptist colleges were either extremely vital or somewhat vital to the denomination, while 25.9 per cent felt the colleges were not too vital or not vital at all.

On the matter of church attendance, 47.6 per cent of the students said they often do something on Sunday evening instead of going to church, and 54.4 per cent said they did not go to Sunday School as much as they did in high school.

Students attending Baptist colleges said the distinctive factors in picking a Baptist school were the smallness of the student body, the faculty-to-student ratio, and the influence of the pastor.

Students at non-Baptist colleges indicated that the distinctive factors that influenced their decision were expenses, buildings and facilities, the courses offered, and the influ-

ence of high school teachers and counselors.

Colleges and universities polled in the study were William Carey College (Baptist) Hattiesburg, Miss.; the University of Southern Mississippi, also in Hattiesburg; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; University of Oklahoma, Norman; and Oklahoma City University, Campbell College in Buies Creek, N. C.; University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C.; and Duke University, Durham, N. C.



## Carriage Hills Calls Pastor

Rev. J. B. Miller has accepted the pastorate of Carriage Hills Church, Southaven. He and his wife and daughter, Susan, 8, and son, Timothy, 5, are now living on the church field at 1258 Vicksburg Drive.

For the past three years he was pastor of Calvary, Greenville, where he led in the purchase of additional property and the erection of a \$120,000 educational building. While he was pastor at Calvary there were 350 additions to the church, 134 for baptism, and the church receipts increased from \$26,000 to \$43,000.

## State Convention

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thoughts and efforts are required to bring our ideas and our institutions into harmony with today's needs and circumstances.

"When Jesus returns, I want to hear Him say, 'Well, done, you have run the Christian race patiently and faithfully.'"

You cannot add to the peace and goodwill of the world if you fail to create an atmosphere of harmony right where you live and work.

# Commission To End Publication Of Beam

The Radio and Television Commission of Southern Baptist Convention voted here to discontinue publication of its monthly magazine, Beam International, probably about the first of the year.

The commission unanimously approved a plan presented by its publications committee suspending the monthly magazine in favor of a three-point proposal to reach different audience groups which now read Beam International. They proposed:

1. That the commission establish a newsletter especially for the radio and television industry and mail it free to the 6,000 radio and television stations in the nation.
2. That the commission purchase advertising space in Baptist state papers to carry features formerly published in Beam International, especially listing radio and television programs carried by stations within that state.
3. That the commission print copies of the sermons preached on The Baptist Hour radio program and make them available to pastors and laymen who desire them.

"We are not abandoning the Beam," said Radio - Television Commission Executive Director Paul M. Stevens. "We are simply taking advantage of its already established and successful channels of communication to our Southern Baptist constituency and we will be trying harder than ever to bend the ear of the (radio-TV) industry."

Stevens said it was a matter of good stewardship to discontinue the publication, which he said had been very costly, especially in terms of its 28,000 circulation. Through the 28 Baptist state papers, the commission has a potential advertising circulation of 1 1/2 million.

He added that since the Beam was established in 1964, it had been aimed at two target audiences; both the

Difference between gossip and news is whether you hear it or tell it.

We are far more likely to catch the vices than the virtues of our associates.

radio and television industry, and the Baptist program listening and viewing audience. The new approach will give different approaches to the different audiences.

Stevens said that all current subscribers of Beam International will be notified well in advance of the publication of the last issue of the magazine and will be offered several options, including return of the full value of their subscription fee if desired.

**Born Out Of Necessity**  
"The Beam was born out of necessity in 1964 (when) the commission was new and unknown, both to the broadcast world and to our own denomination," Stevens said. "We knew we had to find a vehicle to tell our story. It has fulfilled its first responsibility, and we are ready to expand its present effectiveness."

Plans call for the commission to begin purchasing advertising space in the Baptist state papers in early 1968. The advertisements will carry some features formerly found in Beam International, with special emphasis on a listing of the commission-produced radio and television programs and the times they appear on stations within each state. Each ad will be identified by an adaptation of the signature now used by the magazine.

The newsletter to the radio and television industry will be designed for the busy station manager, giving him information he wants in the form he will read with interest, Stevens said.

The printed sermons broadcast over The Baptist Hour will be published quarterly and made available at very modest cost, he added. The sermons are currently printed each month in Beam International.

Name of the monthly magazine was changed from The Beam to Beam International in January of 1967 when the publication also began using color photographs throughout the magazine.

Charles Roden, special assistant to the executive director of the commission, has been serving as interim managing editor since the resignation earlier this year of James T. Johns who went into business for himself.



Young "pilgrims" give thanks to God for all things. (RNS Photo)

## Thankful-For What?

WHO, except perhaps a Charles Dickens's Scrooge, would say he has nothing for which to be thankful? We have proclaimed our desire to be thankful by establishing a national holiday for such a purpose. We believe the Bible indicates that we should be grateful to God. But for what do we give thanks on Thanksgiving Day? Thankful — for what?

We thank God for life, for in the very beginning He gave it to man. The average span of life is being gradually lengthened, from forty years in 1600 to over seventy years today. The world is filled with beautiful living things — plants and flowers. We are thankful for life — But what if, through accident or age, life is extinguished?

We are thankful for health. At no other time in the history of mankind has there been more said and done in the interests of health. We live in a land with more pills, more doctors, more clinics, more hospitals and drugstores than in any other country. And the healed thank God, and rightly so — But what if health should ebb away?

We are thankful for wealth. Our average income for every man, woman, and child today exceeds \$2,700.00 a year. In many countries of the world this same figure is below \$100.00 and in some dips to nearly \$50.00. Our storage bins and grain elevators burst with surplus. We are able to surround ourselves with more automobiles, more refrigerators, more telephones, and we are thankful — But what if we become poor?

We are thankful for loved ones as well. They bring joy and happiness into our lives. Encouragement and fellowship are found with loved ones, and we are rightfully thankful for these — But what if we should lose our loved ones?

Some years ago a farmer had a weather-vane on the top of his barn with the words, "God Is Love," affixed to it. A passing traveler stopped to question the appropriateness of such a design. The farmer explained that in his life "God is love whatever way the wind blows." This simple story demonstrates a truth that many of us desperately need in our abundance today. For in reality, our reason for thankfulness is God, not things.

If we base our gratitude only on things, then when things disappear, our reason for thanks is gone, and our gratitude with it. Things and others will fail — He will not. God is absolute, a spiritual fulcrum for existence. Perhaps, then, our question needs to be revised for in the last analysis, it is not "Thankful — for what?" but rather "Thankful — for whom?" For God himself must be the basis of thankfulness that is lasting. All He gives is secondary to himself. Life, health, wealth, peace, loved ones — these all may vanish from our experience. Only God remains changeless and eternal. He has given us a testimony of love, thankfulness.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vine; the labour of the olive shall fail, and in the field shall yield no more; the flock shall be cut off from the field, and there shall be no herd in the stall; yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord is my strength. (Isaiah 40:6-10)

When all else fails, God remains. He is the basis of our thankfulness. American Tract Society—Greenville, New Jersey

A good newspaper and Bible in every house, a good school house in every district, and a church in every neighborhood, all appreciated as they deserve, are the chief support of virtue, morality, civil liberty, and religion.—Benjamin Franklin.

## YOUTH CONFERENCE

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Saturday following Thanksgiving each year.

The featured musical group for the conference again this year will be the Dedicated Youth Conference Ensemble made up of high school students from all over the state.

This group is selected through specially conducted auditions each spring. Leader of the group for this year is Charles Muller, minister of music, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson.

Norman Rodgers, associate in the Training Union Department, will direct the program.

Total cost is \$5.00 payable in advance as a registration fee to the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

## HISTORIC BALTIMORE CHURCH VOTES TO MOVE TO SUBURBS

BALTIMORE (BP)—The historic Eutaw Place Baptist Church here, displaced by an urban renewal project, has voted to move to the suburbs and build a \$800,000 church plant.

The church was founded in 1860 and was the home church of Miss Annie Armstrong, first executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Armstrong was a charter member and taught there for 30 years.

The new church building will include church offices, an educational building, and a 400-seat chapel. Cost on the initial building has been set at \$575,000 with an additional \$125,000 for the land.

Since 1871, the gothic-style Eutaw Place Church has been one of Baltimore's landmarks. The church reportedly does not yet have a buyer for the present property.

W. Clyde Atkins is pastor of the church, and has been on the church staff since 1930, and pastor since 1936.



## City Officials To Speak At Broadmoor

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP will be discussed at the Broadmoor Brotherhood Sunday, November 19. Participating will be Judge E. W. Stennett (left), City Attorney of Jackson for more than 20 years; Police Chief W. D. Rayfield (center), who has headed Jackson's Police Department since 1952; and Derwood Boyles, City Commissioner of Jackson since July, 1965. How laws and ordinances are passed and constructive steps which responsible citizens can take which will affect the mainstream of community life will be discussed by the panel of eminent citizens.



## Beacon Street Makes Plans For Anniversary

The members of Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia and their pastor will celebrate their first anniversary together on Sunday, Nov. 19. Rev. H. S. Rogers and family moved from Gore Springs Church to Beacon Street on Nov. 20, 1966.

During the year almost 100 new members have joined the church through transfer of membership or by baptism. The 97th was received on Sunday, Nov. 5, when Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shehea moved their membership from First Church, Milford, Ohio. The

church is attempting to add the 100th before anniversary Sunday. They are also asking that the new members be present and be seated together at the morning worship hour. An effort is also being made to have a record breaking attendance at all church activities on that day.

# Gifts to preserve the sanctity of Christmas



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## HOME MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDS MRS. THOMPSON'S BOOK ON L. RICE

Luther Rice came from the cradle of Baptists in America. Some Baptist happenings in Luther Rice country: the first Baptist church in America, Providence, Rhode Island; the first Baptist association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the first Baptist state convention, Massachusetts.

This man from the east, where Baptist in America started, is a part of all Baptist work. His mission concepts helped Southern Baptists grow to national stature. **LUTHER RICE: BELIEVER IN TOMORROW**, written by Evelyn Wingo Thompson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, after ten years of research,

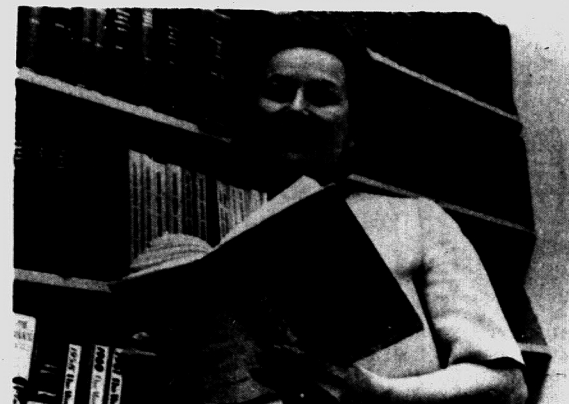
shows how Rice contributed to every phase of today's mission efforts. Mrs. Thompson is the wife of Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, former pastor of Calvary, Jackson.

Rice visioned a denomination that would give every person, church, association, and state convention an opportunity to be in all missions. In 1845 when the Southern Baptist Convention was started, Rice's belief in tomorrow was justified. He was not present to see it. He burned himself out preaching the gospel, starting schools and publications.

"Baptists east, west, north and south are blessed by his organizational concept and the need of giving informa-

tion on moving forward in missions. Every Baptist pastor should read this book and read it, **LUTHER RICE: BELIEVER IN TOMORROW**.

Baptist church members would better understand our plan of mission work and could do more about it, states a Home Mission Board representative.



PICTURED is Mrs. Luther Joe Thompson, former Jacksonian, holding a copy of her book, **LUTHER RICE: BELIEVER IN TOMORROW**. (Home Board Photo)

## CAREY FILLS NEW POST

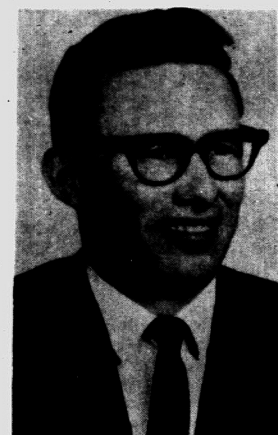
William Carey College announces the filling of a new administrative post to be called Director of Admissions and Development. Mr. Thomas I. Dean will assume this position.

Mr. Dean has just completed two and one-half years of service at the new Baptist College in Charleston, South Carolina, as Director of Enrollment Counseling and Administrative Assistant to the President in Development.

Dean made an impressive record in student recruitment at the Charleston college, having enlisted an enrollment of 1,400 in the past two years. His service in the area of development has contributed to the value of the college which now exceeds seven and one-half million dollars in construction and two million in property.

A native of Newberry, South Carolina, he is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and holds the MRE degree from Southern Seminary. For two years he served at First Church, Briston, Virginia, as Director of Youth. Following this he became Minister of Education at the First Church, Griffin, Georgia.

In 1960 he was appointed by the governor of Georgia to serve on a Youth Advisory Committee to study the problems of young people and to recommend means to counter-



Thomas Dean

act these problems. During the summer of 1965 he was invited by the European Baptist convention to be the visiting consultant at the European Ridgecrest in Switzerland.

Mrs. Dean is the former Jeanette Doyle of Charleston. They have three sons: Tommy 14; Charles 13; and Robbie, 10.

The office of the Director of Admissions and Development is to join that of the president. Included in this department will be Mrs. Marjorie C. Rowden, Director of Public Relations, who will continue to fulfill the duties relating to publicity, promotion, and alumni, as well as to assist in the recruitment program.

## BREWER PLANS HOMECOMING

Brewer Church is having Homecoming Day Sunday, November 19, with dinner on the ground followed by an afternoon service.

The purpose of this day is to raise funds for the church building program.

Dr. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College will bring the message for the afternoon service.

All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend, according to Rev. Grady Smith, pastor.

## Revival Dates

First Church, Quitman: November 26 - December 3; Dr. Porter Barrington, evangelist; Ray Burdeshaw, Minister of Music, First Church, Prichard, Alabama, singer; Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton, pastor; services daily at 7:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

## Mt. Zion, Simpson, Calls Townsend

Rev. David E. Townsend has resigned Bethany Church (Lauderdale Association) to accept the call to Mt. Zion Church, (Simpson Association).

He attended Norman Jr. College, Norman Park, Ga., and received the B.A. degree from William Carey College. He also did post-graduate work toward his Master's degree, at Livingston State College, Livingston, Alabama.

Other churches he has served are Midway (Jackson County), Oakland Grove (Jones), and churches in Georgia. He is married to the former Elva Wilkinson of Moss Point. They have two children, a son, David Lee, and daughter, Elva Rene.

Townsend and his family moved on the church field Nov. 7.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

East Columbia, Columbia: October 15 - 20; Rev. Norris Garner, pastor, evangelist; Robert L. Cooper, Sr., of Aberdeen, singer; three professions of faith; two additions by letter; 15 rededications.

Crestwood, Jackson: October 22-29; Rev. Manley Beasley of Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; Rev. David Smitherman, music director; Rev. G. Arnett McCoy, pastor; 35 professions of faith; two additions by letter; many rededications. (The week of revival began with a celebration of the church's 50th anniversary, in which six former pastors participated.)

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### God Yearns For His Wayward People Worship Through Thanksgiving

By Clifton J. Allen  
 Hosea 11: 14

The two preceding lessons have brought out the depth of corruption and of apostasy on the part of Israel at the time of Hosea's ministry. The central teaching of Hosea, however, is the truth about God's steadfast love. His love was not changed by the waywardness of his people. Hosea, the prophet of the broken heart, learned that the Lord's heart was breaking for the plight of his people.

#### The Lesson Explained Like A Father

Here God is described as the loving father of disobedient children. God chose the covenant people or elected them to be his children. He delivered them from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. And then, almost immediately, they manifested ingratitude and rebellion. It seemed that the more God loved his people, the more they pulled away from him and turned to Baalism. Nevertheless, God's love and tender care were unbroken. The Israelites, called "Ephraim," were like little children. God taught them to walk, took them in his arms, and healed them when they were hurt. He sought to relieve them of burdens, like one who eases the yoke on an ox. He also provided food for them. Thus Hosea described the fatherly concern and care of God for his chosen people.

#### The Heartbreak Of God

With indescribable anguish, God felt that he could not give up his people. Hosea's words are a sort of soliloquy on the part of God. How can he deliver Israel into captivity? How can he make the land of Israel like Admah and Zeboim, cities destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah? God weeps because his love yearns for his own. His compassion is aroused. He feels that he must withhold the execution of his righteous anger. He will spare Ephraim a little longer. The very nature of God was asserting itself, for God is love. God must always

act like God instead of like man. His love is infinite, illimitable, and enduring. **The Entreaty Of Love** 14:1-4

Hosea's final word expressed the entreaty of God's forgiving love. The prophet pleaded with Israel to turn to the Lord in humble recognition of their iniquity, in penitence confession of their stubborn wickedness, and in earnest pleading for God's mercy and forgiveness. Hosea did not minimize the guilt of the people of Israel. He challenged them to come to God with firm resolution to change their ways, pledging to offer the praise of purified living and to put their confidence in God and not in Assyria, promising to break with idolatry, and casting themselves wholly on the mercy of God.

Verse 4 is God's response—sublime words of forgiving mercy.

#### Truths to Live By

**God's steadfast love calls for searching understanding.**  
 — We can never understand the meaning fully, but we can gain new and profound insights about the nature and measure of God's love. We can search the Scriptures for sublime illustrations of God's love in action. But we must study with intense searching to discover depth of meaning—how God's love is related to his wrath, how God's love is the expression of his holiness and glory, how love involves suffering on God's part, how love pours itself out in redemptive energy for the salvation of man. We must think long and reverently upon the cross of Christ to begin to understand God's steadfast love.

**God yearns for the people of this generation.** — The gospel of Christ declares that God yearns for the lost to be saved. He yearns for the return of every prodigal, man or woman, from the far country of sin. He yearns for the repentance of backsliding, disobedient children. He yearns with tender pity for the victims of sin's ravaging desolation—whether by beverage alcohol, dope, murder, lust, persecution, injustice, or skepticism. God yearns for the millions of persons in the pagan darkness of unbelief and false worship and in the misery of weakness and fear.

By Bill Duncan  
 Deut. 16:1-17;  
 Psalm 116;  
 Luke 17:11-19



The major spur to worship is thankfulness. Leslie B. Flynn relates how a little lad flatly refused to say his prayers one night, insisting he didn't need one single thing in all the world. "Suppose you give thanks for all the things you have," his mother suggested. The idea pleased the boy, who proceeded to kneel down and give thanks for all his marbles, for a new top, for his strong legs that could run so fast, that he was not blind like another boy on the street, for his kind father and mother, for his nice bed, and for so many things that his mother thought he would never finish. When he rose from his knees, he said, "Oh, Mother, I never knew before how splendid God is." Because we recognize "Our Father" as the giver of every good and perfect gift, we say thanks, which is one way of expressing our esteem of His worth, and thus worshipping Him. G. K. Chesterton said that the saddest moment in the life of an atheist came when he knew himself to be thankful but had no one he could thank. Robinson Crusoe said in the novel by that same name, "All our discontents spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have."

Not only is thanks an incentive to worship, but thanks forms a major component of worship. True thankfulness is the master key that opens the door to adoring worship. "Thanksgiving" is made

God yearns for refugees and prisoners, for cynics and criminals, for the lonely and the forgotten. God yearns for the whole human race! — God wants the heart of man. — In the Hebrew mind, the heart was the center of the will and the source of understanding. It stood for man himself. This is what God wants of every man: his inner self, his devotion and allegiance, his powers of choice and commitment, his love and gratitude.

from two words: thanks and giving. We may give without thanking, but we cannot thank long before we begin to give. "Praise soon leads to proffering."

#### Sacrifice for Thanksgiving

Deut. 16:1-17  
 In this passage, we see three festivals that were related to harvest blessing. The Israelites celebrated differently from the pagans who worshipped the fruitfulness of nature, whereas the Israelites gave recognition of Jehovah as the author and sustainer of His covenant people. The basic reason of rejoicing in the festivals was the active kindness of the covenant-keeping God. The rejoicing was spiritually motivated and directed before the Lord (V. 11).

The Passover was a feast of remembrance (16:1-8). The first observance was in Egypt the night that God delivered His people from the bondage of the Egyptians. God instructed the people to observe this annually so that successive generations would be reminded of the circumstances of the birth of their nation. This act of thanksgiving would help to preserve a unity among the people against the Capaante inroad into their lives. The Passover was used in the New Testament by Christians as an occasion of thanksgiving for the deliverance by Jesus of the Christian from sin. Jesus became the unblemished lamb and was our way of escape from sin and death.

The Pentecost was a feast of ingathering (16:9-12) and was called the Feast of Weeks. The name Pentecost was given to it because it was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. This was a day of thanksgiving for the Jewish harvest. There was the presentation of two loaves made from the first ingathering of wheat. This rite indicated the dedication of the full harvest to God as giver. All of the individuals were to participate by bringing a personal gift in proportion to how God had blessed them. The third act was the sharing with others who did not have a harvest. The joy of worship was to be felt as one would share with the needy in true hospitality. The Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths) was to be a feast of rejoicing. This was the gay-

est of the festivals. The emphasis of the feast was on God's care for his people from Egypt to Canaan and in the harvest just received. Temporary shelters were provided so that the people might remember the wilderness journey. No hardships were implied in this commemoration. The pouring of water brought by the priest from the pool of Siloam was as act of acknowledgment of divine supply both of water in the wilderness and rain for the crops. The act of pouring was included after the Babylonian exile. This festival recalled past mercies and anticipated promises yet to be fulfilled.

#### Praise in Thanksgiving

Psalm 116  
 Many feel that the Psalmist is expressing thanksgiving because of deliverance from an illness that had made him conscious of death. The person had great gratitude for God with shouts of thanksgiving and praise. He declared he will praise God because of what God did for him. First of all when he prayed, God inclined his ear; second, He heard his voice; third, He delivered him; and fourth, He dealt bountifully with him. His love for God and his gratitude prompts him to do many things. "I will take the cup of salvation, I will call upon the name of the Lord, I will walk before the Lord, I will pay my vows... now, I will praise the Lord."

The blessings that God gives cannot be given a value by any estimate. Gratitude impels the Psalmist to express deep praise both publicly and privately by word and deed. This praise caused him to dedicate himself in love and service. God had made the Psalmist indebted to God for the rest of his life.

In closing the Psalm, all the people are urged to unite their voices and their whole lives in helping him praise the one who so richly deserves all the praise of which men are capable.

#### Glorifies by Thanksgiving

Luke 17:11-19  
 When Jesus healed people many expressed thankfulness, but not all. This story is about ten lepers who were healed but only one returned to give thanks. These ten outcasts, who could never go home, were suddenly healed. These who had learned to suffer together did not all react the same. One returned to give thanks. The Lord knew exactly how many failed to return thanks. He asked, "Where are the nine?" None can be lost in a crowd. He is fully aware of every individual, and He is disappointed by those who are

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not thankful. Not that He wants recognition but that He has other blessings to give that can only be received when one uses the master key of thankfulness.

The ingratitude of the nine caused them not to receive the greatest blessing—salvation. To fail to thank God for His gifts is an insult. When we come with thanksgiving, we glorify God. When we recognize God in His place, we enthrone Him with His glory in our hearts. Many people are glorifying things that are material, when we can only glorify one and receive the true blessing.

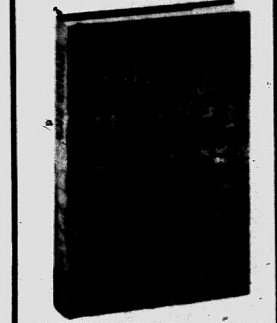
One of the adjectives used by Paul to describe mankind in the last, perilous day was unthankful (2 Tim. 3:2). One reason many do not worship God is that they are not thankful.

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## New Societies Organized

In a recent week of special Woman's Missionary Society emphasis in Carroll and Montgomery Associations four new missionary societies were organized.

New organizations in Carroll are at Mt. Olive and Malmison churches. Mrs. James E. Davis of Coila will be serving as president of the Mt. Olive society while the Malmison organization will be led by Mrs. Bobby Childress.

Stewart and Poplar Springs churches in Montgomery organized societies. Mrs. Myrna Lynn Bridges was selected as president of the society at Stewart and Mrs. Buddy Hovas is the newly-elected president of the WMS at Poplar Springs.

Leading in this successful week of WMS emphasis were Mrs. R. A. Cooper and Mrs. Manley Able, WMU presidents of Carroll and Montgomery Associations respectively, and Rev. Lavon Hatten, Associational Missionary for both counties.

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# DEVOTIONAL

## THANKSGIVING

By John Flowers, Pastor, First, Senatobia

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. Ps. 95:1,2.

Thanksgiving is more than a day for it transcends the bounds of season. It is a state of mind, confidently poised amid the turmoil of life, producing a disposition of soul expending itself on missions for God.



Thanksgiving is that questing spirit seeking repose in the warmth of divine presence, or dedication with burning desire restlessly seeking release for royal mission.

Thanksgiving is the abandonment of love in devotion to God for the sheer joy of living amid the well beaten pathways of errands expending its energies in healing humanities hurt.

Thanksgiving is the most perfectly polished gem in the treasury of man's soul. It is the finely drawn thread binding the heart to the pulse beat of God, or the well ordered life unfolding in a balanced array of useful helpfulness. It is Christian service on the skillfully designed thoroughfare of life easing the harrassed traffic through time.

Thanksgiving is food nourishing the hungry soul in its quest for meaning. It is the blossoming of the inner self under the warm rain and sunshine of providential care.

Thanksgiving is the prism of man's soul bending the light of heaven into rainbow colors of faith, hope, and love; the forgiving heart reaching ever outward to share in dialogue with less gifted souls.

Thanksgiving is the gentle spirit easing tensions of life as it looks for good, although it travels in the wake of those who declare, "there is no good possible in these."

Thanksgiving is the artist's wisdom hanging His goodness on the most sunlit wall of the inner mind, or the soul's language gently resting His praises on the wings of the wind, and moving the heart to sing, "Out in the highways and byways of life, Many are weary and sad; Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, Making the sorrowing glad."

Make me a blessing to someone today. This is thanksgiving.

as lead in programs of evangelism and teaching.

While attending Murphy High School, Mobile, he was a star football player and pole vaulter. As pole vaulter, he held the South Alabama record.

He and his wife were appointed as home missionaries by the Louisiana Baptist Missionary Board. For the past two years he pastored a mission at Reggio, La., and earned the Th.M. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

The Moores and their five-month-old daughter moved to Laurel the first of November.

Dr. Robert Marsh is pastor at First, Laurel.

### Association In Chicago Marks Tenth Year

TINLEY PARK, Ill. (BP)—The Chicago Southern Baptist Association observed its tenth anniversary here by receiving ten new churches into its fellowship.

The association, formed in 1957 with eleven churches, now numbers 74. It is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Messengers (delegates) to the annual meeting heard reports that the decade had seen church membership grow from less than 2,000 to more than 10,000.



### Antioch(Lowndes)ToDedicateSanctuary

On November 19, at 2:00 p. m., the members of Antioch Church, Lowndes County, will dedicate the recently completed building to His service. Dr. S. R. Woodson of First Church, Columbus, will bring the message.

The completion of the new auditorium and two new Sunday school departments relieved crowded conditions that had resulted in two morning worship services for more than a year. A record attendance of 409 in Sunday school was experienced within the first month of completion of construction.

The new auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 600, was constructed at an approximate cost of \$100,000. It is of Colonial style architecture with furnishings of matching decor.

Rev. Banks Hardy is pastor. Former pastors include Rev. Roy Lewis, deceased, Rev. Monroe Dorris, Rev. H. H. Crisman, Rev. H. H. Burns, Rev. W. O. Pippen, and Rev. C. S. Mullins.

All former members are invited to attend the dedication service.



SHOWN ABOVE with all their all-day sewing projects for the Good Samaritan Home, New Orleans, is the Day Circle of the WMS, Hillcrest, New Albany; seated (from l-r) Mrs. Helen Pennabaker, Mrs. A. L. Beavers, and Mrs. Albert Cornelius; standing (from l-r) Mrs. George Contoumanes, Mrs. Carolyn Boland, Mrs. Roy H. Sappington, Mrs. Frances Coker, Mrs. Katie Herod, and Mrs. W. T. Beavers. Not shown: Mrs. Guy Houston and Mrs. Jo West, Chairman, and Mrs. Hope Davis.

### Of 92, Carey Debaters Place In Top Ten

William Carey College debaters, Ernestine Hill and Kirby Miller, have just returned from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth where they compiled a record good enough to place Carey among the top ten of ninety two colleges and universities entered. The TCU tournament is the largest in the south and southwest, is a tournament of champions, and is a qualifying event for the national finals at West Point. The Carey team is coached by Harry Mills of the speech and drama department.

Miss Hill (from Gulfport) and Miller (of Jackson) compiled an enviable six win and two loss record in preliminary competition to qualify them for the Octa-finals. They were defeated in a close decision to undefeated and top-seated Southwest Missouri State College.

In advancing to the octa-finals, the Mississippians defeated teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Louisiana. Other teams in addition to Carey and Southwest Missouri who advanced to the elimination rounds included University of Houston, University of Missouri, and Northeast Oklahoma State College.

The TCU tournament was Carey's first competition of the 1967-68 season. Their next will be at the University of Arkansas.

### ARKABUTLA HOMECOMING

Arkabutla Church, Arkabutla, will observe "Homecoming and Building Fund Day" on November 19, at 11:00 a.m. The noon meal will be provided by the resident members.

On this day the church will attempt to raise \$4,000.00 to be applied to the building fund.

Praise is like seasoning—a little bit is better than too much.

### SEARS GIVES \$1,000 GRANT TO WM. CAREY

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### Off The Record

QUALIFIED — A scientist applying for a position at Cape Kennedy was asked to give three good reasons why he was qualified for the job. "Well," said the scientist, "three, I have a graduate degree; two, I am not temperamental; and one, I know how to count."—Christian Observer

At a New York museum a small boy looked and looked at a dinosaur skeleton. He was deeply impressed. Suddenly he turned to his mother and exclaimed, "What a soup that would make!"

Joe: This match won't light. Flo: What's the matter with it?

Joe: I don't know. It worked fine a minute ago.

What did one big toe say to the other?

Don't look now, but there are a couple of heels following us.

If you hit a bird with a lawn mower, what kind of cereal would you have? Shredded wheat.



JANE ELLEN THAMES, left, age 14, and DONNA JANE STRINGER, right, age 15, recently dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Miss Thames, who wishes to serve in the field of religious education, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leelan H. Thames. Miss Stringer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Stringer. Both girls are members of Pine Grove Church, Route 1, Magee, Rev. Billy Ray Thomas, pastor.



Rev. Kenny Moore  
**Laurel Calls Asst. Pastor**

Rev. Kenny Moore recently accepted the call of First Church, Laurel, as assistant pastor. He and his wife, the former Anne Broom, are natives of Mobile, Ala., and graduates of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

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### Names In The News

Rev. Richard Martin has accepted the call to become pastor of Eastview Church, Jones County. He moved there from the Salem Church, Covington Association. Married and the father of three sons, he received his education at Norman Junior College, Georgia; William Carey College; and New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Claude Fortenberry, pastor of Edna Church, Columbia, has accepted the call extended to him from Pine Grove Church, Jones County.

J. L. Willingham, Billy Turnage, Raymond Lowe, A. J. Forrester, and Archie Moore were ordained as deacons on November 5, by Antioch Church, Lowndes County, Rev. Banks Hardy, pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. James D. Belote, missionaries, expected to leave for Hong Kong on September 1 after an extended leave in the States. (Their address is 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.) Dr. Belote, president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, taught in New Orleans Seminary 1960-67. He is a native of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Belote is the former Martha Bigham, of Water Valley, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Terry A. Hicks, missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, may now be addressed at 135-4 West Rd., University, Miss., 38677. Born in Troup, Tex., he moved to Delhi, La., during childhood; she, the former Wanda Gatlin, was born in Ardmore, Ala., and grew up in Hartselle, Ala.

Rev. and Mrs. William C. Warmath, missionaries on furlough from Japan, may now be addressed at Box 667, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2625 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky., 40208. Born in Durant, Miss., he grew up in Graves County, Kentucky; she, the former Mary Cox, was born in Omaha, Ark., and lived in Arkansas and Kentucky during childhood.

Lynda Sanders, of Meridian, Miss., Southern Baptist missionary journeyman, left the States on October 12 for Zambia, where she will assist with Baptist publication work in Lusaka (address: P. O. Box 1985, Lusaka, Zambia). Lynda graduated from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, this year.

Miss Leola Dotson, missionary nurse, is now serving at the Baptist hospital in Eku, Nigeria (address: P. M. B. 4040, Eku, via Sapele, Nigeria, West Africa). An MK (missionary kid), she was born in Town Creek, Ala., but grew up in Rhodesia. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, she is a graduate of Blue Mountain.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward B. Trott, missionaries to Brazil, have a new son, Paul Edward (their fourth child), born September 8. They may be addressed at Caixa Postal 438, Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil. Born in Dallas, Texas, Mr. Trott lived there and in White Oak, Okla., during boyhood; Mrs. Trott, the former Freda Porter, was born in Meridian, Miss., and lived in Meridian and Longview, Tex., while growing up.

### Appointees Elect 'Fire Marshal'

There was unexpected realism at the opening session of the first-aid and safety class for Southern Baptist missionary appointees in orientation at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, reports Rev. Marvin R. Reynolds.

Rev. Maurice M. Marrow left the room to investigate an unusual noise. Reentering suddenly, he abruptly interrupted the class to announce that smoke was coming from the dining hall and that the hall was on fire.

After much confusion it was discovered the noise came from a machine being used to spray the kitchen. The "smoke" was fumes from the spray.

At breakfast next morning Mr. Marrow, "because of keen alertness displayed in an emergency situation," was elected fire marshal.



PLANTATION DAYS AT BMC — The recent high school weekend at Blue Mountain College was planned around the theme of "Plantation Days." Dressed in ante-bellum style are (left to right) Audrey Show of Collierville, Tenn., Jerri McCulley of Tupelo, and Paulette, Littlefield of Collierville. The three are freshman co-eds, who helped plan the event.



MRS. W. O. MASON is shown receiving her ninth year perfect Sunday school attendance pin from Pastor Richard C. Ethridge of Lawrence Church. Linda Mason is receiving her sixth year pin, Jan Ethridge, second year, and in front, Kay Ethridge, third year. Mr. Ethridge has been pastor at Lawrence for five years.



ARKABUTLA CHURCH, This Association, presented a record of 27 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school. Each above received a pin or certificate for attendance. Back row: G. W. McGaha, nine years; Mrs. G. W. McGaha, four years; Mrs. Bobby Walton, two years. Second row: Andrew Walton, two years; Al Walton, five years; Rob McCollough, one year; Mrs. J. W. O'Daniel, two years. First Row: Terry Walton, two years. Rev. Bobby Walton is pastor.